



# Ward Notification

## Tucson Fire Department

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### **Ward 5 – Near Drowning – 3800 Block of East Ellington Place**

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Dispatch Time – 1331  
On-Scene Time – 1337

Pima County's eighth near drowning for 2009 occurred in a bathtub this afternoon. There have also been 2 drowning incidents this year.

The mother and father were home with their three children at the time. Mom had returned to the bathroom after stepping out for approximately 2 minutes. She found her 1, 2 and 3-year-old children still in the bathtub, but the youngest girl had slipped under the water. Parents ran to a neighbor's house with the child and called 911. CPR instructions were given over the phone. Paramedics transported the baby to a hospital with life-threatening injuries.

**Safety Message:** This is the second near-drowning that has occurred in a bathtub this year. Adults should always be within an arms length from children who are in a bathtub. Constant adult supervision around any body of water is extremely important. After using the tub, remove toys and washcloths and ensure the tub completely drains. Water remaining in that tub could result in a drowning. A child can drown in as little as one-inch of water.